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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Antonio MILEO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2874  
Application No.: 10/522,530 ) Examiner: Chu, Chris H.  
Filed: October 12, 2005 )  
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS ) Confirmation No.: 7507  
FOR ELONGATING OF AN )  
OPTICAL FIBRE PREFORM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Supplemental Reply is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment mailed June 19, 2006, in which the Office declined to enter the Applicants'  
Amendment dated June 7, 2006 for failure to include a complete listing of the claims.  
Specifically, the status of canceled claims 1-20 was not identified in the Amendment. In  
this response, Applicants have amended their Amendment dated June 7, 2006 to add  
the status of previously unlisted claims 1-20. Accordingly, Applicants request that this  
Supplemental Reply be entered and forwarded to the Examiner.

This Amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office action mailed March 10, 2006. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.